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RE: Inventory of 46,761 Acres of Public Lands for the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary EIS Project, Clark County (Bureau of Land Management Report Number: 5-2467).

Dear Mr. Jamrog:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reviewed the subject inventory report. The SHPO concurs with the Bureau of Land Management's determination that the following sites are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under any of the Secretary's criteria:

26Ck3354	26Ck4244	26Ck4245	26Ck4246
26Ck4294	26Ck4356	26Ck4405	26Ck4441
26Ck4656	26Ck4872	26Ck4883	26Ck4887
26Ck5025	26Ck5054	26Ck5175	26Ck5597
26Ck5685	26Ck5600	26Ck6035	26Ck6429
26Ck6482	26Ck6487	26Ck6501	26Ck6502
26Ck6503	26Ck6504	26Ck6505	26Ck6506
26Ck6508	26Ck6509	26Ck6510	26Ck6511
26Ck6512	26Ck6513	26Ck6514	26Ck6515
26Ck6516	26Ck6517	26Ck6518	26Ck6519
26Ck6546	26Ck6547	26Ck6841	26Ck6842
26Ck6843	26Ck6844	26Ck6845	26Ck6846

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26Ck6847	26Ck6848	26Ck6850	26Ck6851
26Ck6852	26Ck6853	26Ck6854	26Ck6895
26Ck6896	26Ck6897	26Ck6899	26Ck6900
26Ck6902	26Ck6903	26Ck6904	26Ck6905
26Ck6906	26Ck6909	26Ck6911	26Ck6914
26Ck6915	26Ck6916	26Ck6917	26Ck6918
26Ck6919	26Ck6920	26Ck6921	26Ck6991
26Ck6992	26Ck6993	26Ck6994	26Ck6995
26Ck6996	26Ck6997	26Ck6998	26Ck6999
26Ck7025	26Ck7026	26Ck7028	

The SHPO concurs with the Bureau of Land Management's determination that the following historic properties are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Secretary's criterion d:

26Ck4247; 26Ck5596; 26Ck6898; 26Ck6907/6913;
26Ck6919.

The SHPO concurs with the Bureau of Land Management's determination that the following historic property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Secretary's criterion a:

26Ck6507.

The SHPO concurs with the Bureau of Land Management's determination that the following historic property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Secretary's criterion c:

26Ck4803 (Gunnery School).

The SHPO recommends that the Bureau of Land Management reevaluate the National Register eligibility of 26Ck4803 under criterion a. The SHPO concurs with the consultant's recommendation that the Las Vegas Army Gunnery School played an important role in the training of World War II airmen. It was the first gunnery school of its kind established in the U.S. and was an important event in the early growth of Las Vegas as city and a significant military installation.

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The SHPO concurs with the Bureau of Land Management's determination that the agency's efforts to identify properties of religious and cultural significance in the area of potential effects are adequate.

The SHPO will await the Bureau of Land Management's submission of a treatment plan for the proposed undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please feel free to call Rebecca Lynn Palmer at (775) 684-3443 or by E-mail at rlpalmer@clan.lib.nv.us.

Sincerely,



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Dear Rebecca:

This office is transmitting cultural resources report 5-2467, a class 3 inventory of 46,761 acres of public lands located in Las Vegas Valley, administered by Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Vegas Field Office. The work was conducted by HRA, Inc., and was completed in support of the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary EIS Project. We are also transmitting a companion document, completed by Chambers Group; ethnographic assessment for the Las Vegas Valley Land Disposal Project, Clark County, Nevada.

A Class III inventory of the 46,761 acre APE resulted in the identification, recordation and evaluation of 100 archaeological sites. This includes the Tule Springs 983 acre national register site.

The contractor recommends that 23 of the 100 sites are eligible for nomination to the national register (See Table 1). From June 2nd through June 17th archaeologists from my staff and Pat Barker of the State Office, conducted field evaluations of the 23 recommended eligible sites. Pat assisted my staff June 16 and 17. As a result of conducting these field evaluations, this office finds that nine of the twenty three sites recommend eligible by the contractor are determined eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. HRA's sites include the Tule Siding of the Las Vegas to Tonopah Railroad, a historic road segment that related to the Las Vegas-Bullfrog/Tonopah wagon road, the Tule Springs Expedition camp, prehistoric open sites, rock shelters, a rock alignment, and several rock-ring/fragile pattern sites.

This office determines that nine of these properties are eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). These include 26CK4247, 26CK4803/6351, 26CK5596, 26CK16507, 26CK6898, 26CK6907/6913 and 26CK6910.

Table 1. National Register of Historic Places Eligibility Status for Identified Sites

Site Number	Site Type	Contractor Eligibility Recommendation	BLM Eligibility Determination
26CK4246	Prehistoric-artifact scatter, fire-affected rock scatter	Eligible	Not Eligible
26CK4247	Prehistoric-open camp site, obsidian flakes	Eligible-(d)	Eligible-(d)
26CK4803	Historic-moving target range	Eligible-(a),(b),(c),(d)	Eligible-©

and 6351			
26CK4887	Prehistoric-lithic scatter	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible
26CK5054	Prehistoric-lithic scatter	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible
26CK5596	Historic-Tule railroad construction camp	Eligible-(d)	Eligible-(d)
26CK5600	Historic-Las Vegas to Bullfrog/Tonopah Road	Eligible-(a), (d)	Not Eligible
26CK6487	Prehistoric-rock feature	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible
26CK6507	Historic-Tonopah wagon road	Eligible-(a), (d)	Eligible- (a)
26CK6508	Prehistoric-rock feature	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible
26CK6511	Prehistoric-rock alignment	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible
26CK6512	Prehistoric-alcove shelter	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible
26CK6515	Prehistoric-rock clearing	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible
26CK6517	Prehistoric-rock feature w/lithics	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible
26CK6841	Prehistoric-trail segment	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible
26CK6898	Prehistoric-Rock Shelter	Eligible-(d)	Eligible-(d)
26CK6906	Historic-Tule Springs expedition camp	Eligible-(a), (b)	Not Eligible
26CK6907	Prehistoric-hearth feature w/charcoal	Eligible-(d)	Eligible-(d)
and 6913			
26CK6909	Prehistoric-hearth featurew/charcoal	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible
26CK6910	Prehistoric-hearth feature w/ceramics, lithics	Eligible-(d)	Eligible-(d)
26CK6991	Prehistoric-rock ring and rock cluster	Eligible-(d)	Not Eligible

Prehistoric sites identified in Table 1, which include: 26CK4246, 4887, 5054, 6487, 6508, 6511, 6512, 6515, 6517, 6841, 6909, and 6991 do not exhibit attributes today that would allow for these resources to answer significant research questions. Field evaluations of each of these resources have confirmed the lack of integrity and/or its inability to provide any additional significant information above the level of recordation provided in this document.

The historic period sites identified in Table 1, 26CK5600 and 6906, suffer from a substantial loss of integrity. These sites do not possess attributes which would provide any significant understanding of the resources above the current recordation. In every case, the contractor's site datum was relocated with GPS to ensure accurate location of the sites which were recommended eligible by HRA. A specific discussion of the sites recommended eligible by HRA is provided below.

Prehistoric site 26CK4246: This office and State Office conducted a field evaluation of the site and confirmed that the original testing and recordation by Dames and Moore in 1989 more than adequately mitigated the resource. Our field evaluation confirmed that a large test trench was completed through the most significant portion of the site. Our research determined that Dames and Moore's recordation and that of HRA, has adequately treated this property. This office has determined that additional work would not result in any new significant information. This office determines that this site is not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Prehistoric site 26CK4247: This office and State Office conducted a field evaluation of the site and determined that the original recordation of the site by Dames and Moore supplemented by the current recordation by HRA has sufficiently treated this property. Presently this site does exhibit some obsidian flakes. Hydration and other studies conducted on the obsidian debitage could provide additional information this office determines that the site is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places under criteria (d).

Historic sites 26CK4803 and 6351: This office and State Office conducted a field evaluation of these sites and determined that the site was well recorded by HRA and others. This office determines that these two sites are actually two loci of the same site and as a district, is eligible under criteria ©. Additional probing of potential privy features would not result in any additional artifact classes not already exhibited throughout the surface site area. Therefore, this office determines that this site is not eligible under criteria (d).

Prehistoric site 26CK4887: This office and State Office conducted a field evaluation of the site and determined that no additional significant research questions would be answered beyond the level of recordation in this report. The site's feature was identified and appears to be recent in origin. In addition, the site contained a paucity of artifacts.

Prehistoric site 26CK5054: This site exhibited a paucity of artifacts and no additional significant research questions could be answered by further work. This office determines that this site is not eligible.

Historic site 26CK5596: This is the Tule railroad construction camp which exhibits several features; including a dug out structure. This site is eligible under criteria (d).

Historic site 26CK5600: This is the Las Vegas to Bullfrog/Tonopah road. This site does not exhibit artifactual associations, or features. This is a non-descript segment and therefore is determined to be a non-contributing element to the overall resource. This site is not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Prehistoric site 26CK6487: This rock feature contains no artifactual associations or depth. This site is determined not eligible.

Historic site 26CK6507: This road is designated the Las Vegas to Tonopah wagon road. This is a 1.3 mile section which runs to Corn Creek. This site is determined eligible under criteria (a).

Prehistoric site 26CK6508: This site is a rock feature and rock thermal feature and flaked stone artifact. No cultural subsurface deposit, no diagnostics or definitive associations. This site is determined not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Prehistoric site 26CK6511: This site is a rock alignment with no artifactual associations. This site is determined not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Prehistoric site 26CK6512: This site is a small rock alcove with two problematical alignments of rock. No subsurface or artifacts present. This site is determined not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Prehistoric site 26CK6515: This site is a rock clearing with no subsurface or artifactual associations. This site is not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Prehistoric site 26CK6517: This site is a rock ring feature with no subsurface, one core. No other artifacts were observed. This site is not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Prehistoric site 26CK6841: This site is a trail segment with no artifacts associated with the trail alignment. This site is not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Prehistoric site 26CK6898: This site is a rock shelter with obsidian, ground and flake stone, bone and charcoal. This site is eligible under criteria (d).

Historic 26CK6906: This site is recorded as the Tule Springs expedition base camp. The site no longer retains any degree of integrity. The report authors do not provide any contextual rationale for supporting their claim that this site is the expedition base camp.

Prehistoric site 26CK6907 and 6913. Field evaluations determined that these two sites should be recorded as one site with multiple features. These features contain charcoal and flaked stone. This site is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places under criteria (d).

Prehistoric site 26CK6909: This site consists of a group of rocks with no charcoal, artifacts or subsurface. This site is not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. No buried pit, or fire affected rock or ash deposit or lithics were located. This site is not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Prehistoric site 26CK6910: This site consists of a thermal rock feature with flakes and several types of diagnostic ceramics. This site is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places under criteria (d).

Prehistoric site 26CK6991: This site is a rock ring/cluster feature with no artifacts or subsurface. This office determines that this site is not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

This office requests your concurrence with these determinations.

This office determines that the remaining 91 sites are not eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and requests your concurrence with these determinations. Upon completion of the Historic Properties Treatment Plan, it will be submitted to your office for technical review and concurrence. This plan will address site-specific impacts and proposed mitigation for eligible properties prior to sale of any of the parcels identified in this document, which contain determined-eligible properties.

This office will defer a determination of project effect pursuant to the completion, approval and your office's concurrence with the treatment plan.

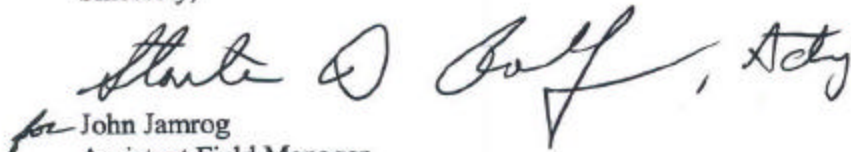
Also enclosed is the Ethnographic report. This report is prepared by Chambers Group, Inc. and this report's objectives are to identify and record specific culturally significant areas within and adjacent to the lands within the Las Vegas Valley Land Disposal Boundary Project Area, as well as traditional values associated with the area; to determine possible impacts to these places and values by the proposed land disposal; and to recommend treatment plans to mitigate these possible impacts.

The tribes contacted for this ethnographic assessment did not identify any culturally significant places within the Las Vegas Valley Land Disposal Project Area.

This office requests your concurrence with the adequacy of the identification effort for traditional cultural properties.

For additional information regarding this project, contact Stanton Rolf of my staff at 702-515-5055.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Jamrog, Acting". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

for John Jamrog
Assistant Field Manager
Renewable Resources & Recreation

CC: State Director (NV-932.7)